

We haven't finished yet

The results of our reforms show that the cycle of dependency can be broken if welfare offers more than a cheque. We're proud that so many people have been helped get back to work. But we haven't finished transforming the welfare system. We will continue to develop and improve our employment services to help even more people realize the dignity of work and the pride of independence.



Want more information?

Call your local Ontario Works office or municipal social services office.



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We're preparing people for work.



And it's making a difference.



**The dignity of work.
The pride of independence.**

In 1995, more than 1.3 million people were collecting welfare in Ontario. A lot of good people were trapped in a bad system with little hope and few opportunities.

We've turned that around with **Ontario Works**. It's a whole new approach to welfare. The focus is now on preparing people for work. What people need is to look for a job, get a job, and keep a job.



Making welfare work

The overwhelming number of people collecting welfare want to work. But it can be tough getting a job without up-to-date skills, work experience or recent job references.

Our welfare reforms help people become job ready. Through Ontario Works we provide an opportunity to get a basic education, training for new or upgraded skills, a chance to practice those skills, and a job placement.



Ontario Works

Ontario Works helps people develop the tools they need to move from welfare to work. Through our mandatory work-for-welfare program we provide:

- Practical help finding a job.
- Placements with not-for-profit community groups so people can get current work experience, improved confidence, up-to-date references, and important job contacts.
- Referrals to basic education and skills training.



- Learning, Earning and Parenting program (LEAP), which provides teen parents with the supports they need to finish high school, learn parenting skills and find a job.
- Placements that match people to paid jobs, at the going wage.
- Earning exemptions that help people make that sometimes difficult transition from welfare to work by letting them keep some of their welfare cheque while they're working.